1	2	3
19.	Mizoram	34.1
20.	Nagaland	38.3
21.	Sikkim	33.7
22.	Tripura	51.5
	West	
23.	Goa	15.3
24.	Gujarat	49.7
25.	Maharashtra	37.5
	South	
26.	Andhra Pradesh	53.5
27.	Karnataka	43.2
28.	Kerala	15.3
29.	Tamil Nadu	30.4

SOURCE: National Family Health Survey (NFHS-3)

Establishment of Central University

†*58. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to create interest in the students in respect of higher education in the country and to make norms-based higher education world class, the Knowledge Commission has recommended to set up about 1500 Central universities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. While the National Knowledge Commission (NKC) has projected the need for around 1500 universities, the NKC recommendations do not refer to all universities to be in the Central Sector. During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, subject to its finalization, it is proposed to establish 16 Central Universities in States which do not have any Central University. In addition, 14 World Class Universities are also proposed to be established as Central Universities, details of which are yet to be worked out.

Power projects in Vidarbha

†*59. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of power projects being built by Government, keeping in view shortage of electricity in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) the number of such power projects out of the above, construction work of which is going to be completed within a year;

(c) the power projects where the construction work is getting delayed and the reasons for delays; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the steps being taken to speed up the construction work of power projects, keeping in view the backwardness and the acute electricity problem in this area?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd. (MAHAGENCO) has intimated that in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra the following three generation projects have been identified for completion in the XI Plan under the State Sector:

1. Paras Thermal Power Project (TPP) Expansion Unit-1 (250 MW)

2. Paras TPP Expansion Unit-2 (250 MW)

3. Khaperkheda TPP Expansion (500 MW)

(b) MAHAGENCO has further reported that Paras TPP Expansion Unit-1 (250 MW) has been commissioned on 31.05.2007. No other project is expected to be completed within one year.

(c) The commissioning of Paras TPP Expansion Unit-1 has been delayed by 6 months with respect to the contractual schedule due to delay in supply and erection of equipment by the supplier. Presently, no delay is envisaged in other ongoing projects.

(d) In terms of contractual schedules, the Paras TPP Expansion Unit-2 (250 MW) and Khaperkheda TPP Expansion (500 MW) are scheduled to be commissioned in April, 2009 and March, 2010 respectively. The progress of construction of projects is being regularly monitored.

Goals to achieve literacy

*60. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) details regarding the goals set to achieve literacy in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh during the last year, year-wise; and

(b) the present position thereof in that State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The goal of the National Literacy Mission is to achieve 75% literacy rate by 2007. No year-wise goals have been set in this regard. No assessment of the achievement has been made.

The Approach Paper to the XI Plan of the Planning Commission has set a target of achieving 85% literacy rate by the end of the Plan period. Government of Andhra Pradesh, aims to achieve the literacy level of 95% by end of 11th plan.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Electronic measurement of earthquakes

87. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to set up electronic system for accurate measurement of intensity of earthquakes, in the wake of severe earthquake of October, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;